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COMMISSIONERS VOTE \$500.00 FOR FAIR PURPOSES

Curry County is going to have an exhibit at the state fair to be held in Albuquerque in October. This was definitely decided Thursday when the county commissioners appropriated \$500.00 for the purpose of collecting the exhibit and transporting it to Albuquerque. The collection will first be displayed at the county fair and the prizes awarded, after which it will be sent to the state fair. President R. E. Putney and assistant Secretary R. W. Wiley of the state fair commission, came in Sunday and met Monday with the board of county commissioners at a special call meeting Monday night at the Chamber of Commerce hall. Fred James, secretary of the county fair association presided at the meeting, which was attended by a number of the leading citizens and largest tax payers of Clovis. Here the proposition was discussed of voting the \$500.00 to defray the expenses of collecting the agricultural products and stock and exhibiting them at the county fair and later send them to the Curry County exhibit at the state fair. The supreme court recently held it to be unlawful for the county commissioners to appropriate money for the purpose of holding a county fair but an opinion has been rendered by Attorney General Clancy to the effect that it would be lawful to vote an appropriation for the purpose of collecting and transporting an exhibit to the state fair. Commissioners Doughton and Crawford stated that before they would favor an appropriation they wanted expressing the sentiment of the people of the different communities throughout the county on the subject. The petitions were circulated Wednesday and signed by a large number of the representative citizens of the different parts of the county and the commissioners took favorable action Thursday. In the intervention of time between the call of the first meeting and the time of the action by the board, the fair commission representatives made a visit to Roosevelt county, where they obtained from the commissioners of that county a similar appropriation for the same purpose. They returned from Portales Wednesday evening in autos accompanied by the Roosevelt county board of commissioners and a number of leading citizens of that county. A spread was given at the Harvey House, which was attended by a number of our citizens as well as the Roosevelt county visitors. After the luncheon the party adjourned to the Elks' Home where they were entertained by Croft's girls band with a number of popular selections. Mr. Putney here made a talk expressing his appreciation of the music; said he felt just like stealing the band and promised them a trip to the fair. Both Mr. Putney and Mr. Wiley are real "live wires" in boosting New Mexico and the state fair and we feel safe in the prediction that under the supervision of these boosters the 35th annual state fair will be the greatest success in the history of the state.

J. E. Pardue has given up his law practice here and has returned to Fort Sumner.

Good Fruit Crops

This is the first year that Curry County farmers can boast of a big fruit crop as well as other bumper crops. The reason, primarily, is because it is the first year that most of the orchards have been old enough to bear. Heretofore this county has imported its fruits principally from the Pecos Valley and California. It is now estimated that the home product will supply our present needs. Many trees right here in Clovis are bearing abundantly and in many instances it is necessary to prop up the fruit laden branches. We have never laid claim to being a fruit country, but if a repetition of this year's crop is of frequent occurrence, we will also have to add new laurels to our agricultural fame.

Odd Fellows May Build

Work has been suspended on the completion of the McFarlin building on the corner of Grand Avenue and Mitchell Street awaiting the decision of Clovis Lodge I. O. O. F. No. 31 as to whether or not they will make the building a second story, and occupy the entire upper floor for a lodge hall. Many of the Odd Fellows think this an opportune time to get a hall of their own in a good location at a low figure. At present they are renting the Masonic hall.

Fent Sells Farm

A. C. Fent, who resides in the Fairfield district southeast of Clovis, was in the city Saturday and advises us that he closed a deal for the sale of his farm for a consideration of \$2,000. He will not leave the country, but expects to reinvest in the tight land district north of Clovis. Mrs. Fent was also in the city shopping Saturday.

Hunting Cows

The cattlemen of the west are all getting back into the breeding game as rapidly as possible. The demand for breeding stock is far in excess of the supply, and many western cattlemen are looking forward to the annual National Western Stock Show, which opens in Denver on January 17th, expecting to be able to purchase choice breeding stock during that week. One of the features of this Show is an exhibition of heifers and bulls in carloads. At the last Show there were over two hundred cars of choice heifers on exhibition, all of which sold. At the coming Show it is expected there will be more than double that number, and with the present demand an active trade is expected.

Untimely Death

A man died at Albuquerque recently at the age of 110 years. Drinking whiskey and smoking cigarettes is assigned as the cause of his death.

Soiled doves, soiled fingers and an escape were the leading features in a police case Monday, but because of the prominence of one of the contracting parties the news has been suppressed.

Important Land Office Ruling

In eastern and northeastern New Mexico many citizens of Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas have filed on public land in recent years before they became citizens of the state. To become a bona fide citizen of New Mexico one must live in the state a year, but what constitutes a resident the ruling does not say. Many construe the meaning of resident and citizen as the same, but it is not. A citizen may enjoy the right to vote while one may become a resident by abiding in a community a day and night.

The commissioner of the general land office at Washington has set the important precedent that a person in order to file on public land, must be a resident of the state in which the land is situated. The decision is the case of William H. Gregg, who filed on 160 acres of desert land in the San Simon Valley. Charles H. Brooks contested on the grounds that Gregg is not a resident of the state. The land office decided in favor of Gregg, but Brooks appealed and won out.

Sells Their Wheat

Sam Pipkin and Claud Kelly were in from their farms north of town Wednesday and sold their wheat to local buyers at \$1.04 per bushel. Mr. Pipkin threshed 2850 bushels from 50 acres or an average of over 41 bushels to the acre which tested 62 1-2 pounds to the bushel. Mr. Kelly threshed 1459 bushels from about 65 acres which will average about 23 bushels to the acre. 7500 bushel was threshed from the G. W. Jones farm which averaged 25 bushels to the acre and 850 bushels from the H. J. Stahl farm which averaged about 26 1-2 bushels. It can be seen that with wheat selling at over a dollar a bushel, there is big money in raising wheat on land that heretofore has not had a value to exceed \$6.00 per acre. Mr. Kelly says that he planted the wheat last fall on the same land on which was grown a crop of maize and kaffir which he has just threshed and which made 1300 bushel. It is seldom that such a yield of wheat is made following a row crop.

Elks' Carnival

The Clovis Elks have decided to have a carnival this fall, probably about the same time as the county fair. Just what kind of a carnival it will be, we are not yet qualified to state. A carnival committee was appointed at the last lodge meeting. They were Michael Kelly, F. O. Dennis, J. E. Shaw Vansky, A. Mandelovitch and E. E. Bundsky.

Notice to School Directors

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, August 14th, 1915, the County Commissioners will meet with representatives from the various school districts to discuss the matter of school district finances. Meeting at county court room. If you are interested don't fail to be on hand.

L. C. Mersfelder,
County Superintendent.

Miss Alice Keller and Miss Cordelia Williams stopped off for several days the first of the week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred James, while en route from the exposition to their homes in the east. Miss Keller is a cousin of Mr. James.

Big Grain Shipment

W. W. White has shipped eighteen cars of threshed maize and kaffir from Clovis to eastern points in the past ten days. The Clovis Mill and Elevator Company have shipped about twenty five cars of grain in the past month. Other dealers have made like heavy shipments. A few months ago, it was the other way—the grain was shipped in. Now it is going out and the exports are growing by leaps and bounds. Melrose and Texico-Parkwell in this county are also making large grain shipments. There is not a section in the west that is coming to the front as fast as Curry County New Mexico.

Our Home Company

The New Mexico Mutual Life and Aid Association, whose phenomenal growth of nearly three hundred members within thirty days, speaks volumes for the success of the enterprise. The provision for death, accident, old age and disability benefits, makes its plan attractive as an insurance proposition, while its low cost places it within easy reach of everyone. As we understand it, the organization is purely mutual and the cost to everyone is the same. It furnishes protection at its minimum cost; it limits its membership to local surroundings; it retains the money at home; provides for the family upon death of the insured or pays a benefit to the insured in case of accident or old age. The plan has been thoroughly tried out in Texas, and numbers among its members some of its most enthusiastic supporters. Its officers are well known and capable business men, and those responsible for the management of its affairs are bonded to secure the safe keeping and proper disbursement of its funds. All recognize the necessity for insurance and all will appreciate the chance to obtain it at its minimum cost. The company is worthy of investigation.

Carl Pevery, chief of the local B. O. L. E. and H. O. Martin secretary of the B. O. L. F. and E. left Saturday for Topeka for a conference with the delegates from the other locals who will discuss the wage situation with railroad officials. As one fireman expressed it, we want to know what wages we are to receive. This meeting is supposed to result in the fixing of a wage schedule and adjusting differences.

There will be no encampment of the guard companies of eastern New Mexico at Carlsbad as originally planned. There is entirely too much politics in the New Mexico National Guard for the good of the organization. Unless this is eliminated and a military organization maintained for military purposes, it will never reach a very high standard of efficiency.

Judge and Mrs. Grandville A. Richardson, of Roswell, A. M. Hove and Mr. Beemer, of Carlsbad and others from valley towns passed through Sunday en route to Albuquerque to attend the good roads convention.

Mrs. Laeman, of Texas City, Texas, is visiting her mother, Mrs. E. F. Reynolds. She was accompanied here by her sister, Miss Beas Reynolds, who visited her in Texas.

HAD TWO WIVES, CONFESSES AFTER ARREST

Died From Operation

W. Pierce aged 42, of Muleshoe, Texas, died from the effects of an operation for appendicitis at the Santa Fe hospital Friday night and the remains were sent to Vernon Texas for burial. Pierce, who was a Texas ranchman, was first stricken when forty miles from a railroad. He was rushed to a physician and later to the Clovis hospital. Two operations were necessary and his only chance of recovery was in the second operation from which he failed to rally. His brother, a druggist, from Vernon and Chillicothe, Texas, arrived Saturday to accompany the remains with the family of the deceased to its last resting place. The Magic City Furniture Company prepared the body for shipment.

Died

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Veazy died Friday and was buried in the west side cemetery Saturday. Out of respect Kendall's store was closed Saturday morning.

First Methodist Church

August 8th

Again let me request each member to work for the Sunday School. Let us see how many over two hundred we can have this Sunday. The subject for the morning sermon will be, "The Pure River of Life." We take pleasure in inviting the people to attend our church. Remember we make ourselves the cordial Church. Union services with the Presbyterians at night.

J. H. Messer, Pastor.

Christian Church

August 8th

Rev. E. C. Boynton of Belton, Texas, a minister of excellent name in that state, will preach at the morning hour next Sunday. Let every member of the Church and Sunday School be present promptly at 10 o'clock. There will be only one, merged or continuous service, closing at 12 o'clock. At the evening hour we join in the union service at the Presbyterian Church.

C. W. Lambert, Pastor.

Episcopal Church

Rev. D. A. Sanford, Pastor.

Morning service with sermon on the Gospel for to day, at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Union Service

Sunday Evening

There will be a union service of the Baptist, Christian, Methodist and Presbyterian churches at the Presbyterian Church next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. This is the forth of a series on the general subject of Civic Rightness. You are invited.

Church Building for Sale

Account Christian Church planning new edifice, their old building is for sale. Would make good warehouse or could be converted into dwelling. The undersigned will receive sealed bids until August 16th 1915.

Roy McMillen, Chairman,
Mrs. I. B. L. Osborne, Sec.
Bldg. Com.

Will J. Pollard is confined in the county jail charged with the unlawful use of Santa Fe transportation. The more serious charges of violation of the Mann white slave law, bigamy and a half dozen others, to which he is said to have confessed, have not yet been placed against him. Pollard arrived in Clovis in March and secured employment as a boiler maker. In April he secured a pass from the Santa Fe for transportation to Albuquerque and return for himself and wife. In Albuquerque he met his future intended, a widow, and they were married. It was under the charge of unlawfully securing transportation for his wife, who was not then his wife, that he was arrested. This is in violation to the interstate commerce law. From the time he landed in Clovis in April, his first wife, who resides in Denver, had the government authorities on his trail from Utah to El Paso and finally to Clovis. They had the evidence all complete before they made the arrest, as is customary in government cases. Attorney Fred Dennis, who worked up the evidence here finally secured the confession from the prisoner when he was confronted with the evidence. Wife No. 2 who has a small boy, when told of the matter said that he had been deceiving her all the time and had said that the Denver woman was his mother. He met and courted the second wife in Denver and she finally followed him to Albuquerque for the purpose of marriage. She disclaims any knowledge of the method of securing transportation or that he was to secure it at all.

Off on Pleasure Trip

Off for a week or more at the Reagan ranch 43 miles north in the Apache canyon "breaks" a party of young people left Tuesday in three cars and a "chuck" wagon. The boys will hunt while the girls study and practice domestic science. The Reagan ranch in the wooded broken land known as the breaks where the plains abruptly end is one of the beauty spots of this country. The deep canyons covered with a dense growth of cedar and pinon and with its towering cliffs and huge rocks make this place an ideal location for an outing camp. "Chappie" being supplied with the necessary artillery will confine his operations to hunting bear and larger game. The single men will seek "dear" and animals of the biped variety.

Those who made up the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Leland Chapman, Mrs. Ivan G. Bridges, Mrs. I. Gibson, Misses Madge and Hortense Tate, Ruby Smith, Fay Brooks, Campbell and Messrs Roy Smith, Hugh Woods, Russell Hardwick and Sam McMurphy.

Harry Davenport Married

Harry Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davenport, of this city was married Tuesday of last week to Miss Nettie Gaines, one of Curry County's prettiest young girls. The young couple kept the marriage a secret several days until after the return of his parents from California.